

Activities Congress will help fund instead of opening White House tours or Yellowstone up to the public:

1. **Wine-Tasting Express-** Friday, March 15th, the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Area is promoting “CVSR Wine-Tasting Express: A Taste of Wines across the USA.” For a \$57-92 fee, participants will enjoy “a leisurely ride through the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley aboard CVSR while tasting five choice wines plus appetizers. Commemorative glass included.”¹



2. **Blue Ridge Music Trails Project**²- With the promotion of the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area, this project exemplified “Western North Carolina’s music traditions.” “The Blue Ridge National Heritage Area Partnership will jointly develop a website and take on responsibility for other marketing materials and organizing events that will bring the music heritage of Western North Carolina to the forefront, support area musicians and venues, and strengthen the economic impact of music in this region, the release says.”

3. **Wheeling Celtic Celebration-** The Wheeling National Heritage Area hosted the 17th annual Wheeling Celtic Celebration on March 2nd, the day sequestration began. The West Virginia festival included was “filled with Celtic music, entertainment, dance, culture, and great food offerings.”³

4. **Autopalooza-** Motorcities National Heritage Area helps coordinate and promote Autopalooza, a summer long celebration of “Southeast Michigan’s automotive heritage.” Highlights of the events include auto races, car shows, vintage car auctions, and rolling cruises.⁴



5. **Salem Witch Hunt: Examine the Evidence-** Essex National Heritage Area gets credit as executive producer for the movie, Salem Witch Hunt “features authentic dialogue and the latest research by renowned Salem Witch Trial scholars.”⁵

6. **“Discovery Road” television documentary-** The Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area co-produces a documentary television series that “explores the life, history, culture and resources along U.S. Highway 89 and state routes 12 and 24.”⁶



¹ <http://www.ohioandieriecanalway.com/Main/Events/458.aspx>

² <http://www.blueridgenow.com/article/20130225/ARTICLES/130229872?p=2&tc=pg>

³ <http://www.timesleaderonline.com/page/content.detail/id/544959/Wheeling-Celtic-Celebration-set-for-Saturday--March-2.html?nav=5014>

⁴ <http://www.motorcities.org/Our+Activities++Programs/Autopalooza+-106.html>

⁵ <http://www.essexheritage.org/salemwitchhunt/index.shtml#scholars>

⁶ http://www.heraldextra.com/sanpete-county/news/heritage-area-continues-to-benefit-utah-s-culture/article_4cfc3ff2-6405-5515-a548-82d507ab92e2.html

7. **2013 Year of Food**- The National Park Service budget recommendation laid out the goal for the South Carolina National Heritage Area to implement 2013 Year of Food, a “year-long celebration of the State’s food heritage.” The initiative will include “educational programming, a traveling exhibit, an art show, local classes, community involvement, linking growers to restaurants and retailers, and end ultimately with the creation of a culinary niche for the heritage area.”⁷



8. **Elvis Music Boat**- The Augusta Canal National Heritage Area in Georgia offers a variety of music performers and entertainers with music cruises on the canal, including one cruise featuring an Elvis impersonator.⁸



9. **Chefs of the Coast**- The NPS budget listed the Chefs of the Coast culinary event as a project that would utilize Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area funding in 2012. This high-scale event features which includes restaurants from along the Coast and celebrates the traditional foodways of the area.

10. **“The Neighborhood that Built the Car: Southwest Detroit Virtual Labor History Tour”**- The Motorcities National Heritage Area FY2013 budget will help develop “The Neighborhood that Built the Car: Southwest Detroit Virtual Labor History Tour.”⁹ This virtual tour is intended to provide “website visitors with a history of firms and unions as well as commercial and residential development associated with a century of auto history.”¹⁰



11. **“In Thoreau’s Footsteps”**- Freedom’s Way National Heritage Area in Massachusetts has launched an initiative to create an interpretive trail based on the travels of transcendental writer, Henry David Thoreau.¹¹ Freedom’s Way has established a loop route through existing 10 Freedom’s Way towns where Thoreau took a famous 1842 walk.¹²

12. **Father of West Virginia Sculpture**- The Wheeling National Heritage Area placed out a call for sculptors to design and fabricate a bronze-cast life-size figurative sculpture of Francis Harrison Pierpont, the father of West Virginia. The budget for this project is \$110,000.¹³



13. **Spooktacular Automotive Halloween Contests**- The Motorcities National Heritage Area put on an automotive

⁷ http://home.nps.gov/applications/budget2/FY13_NPS_Greenbook.pdf

⁸ <http://www.augustacanal.com/PG/V1/Default.aspx?galleryid=6A21F6E2-29B7-2237-C77E-D3650602FAF1>

⁹ http://.nps.gov/applications/budget2/FY13_NPS_Greenbook.pdf

¹⁰ http://mlhs.wayne.edu/files/110801_newsletter_sml.pdf

¹¹ http://home.nps.gov/applications/budget2/FY13_NPS_Greenbook.pdf

¹² http://www.freedomsway.org/mgmt/pdfs/FWHA_2012_spring_newsletter.pdf

¹³ <http://www.wheelingheritage.org/documents/CALLFORSCULPTORS.pdf>

themed Halloween contest. Participants were asked to “decorate their car with Halloween materials, carve a pumpkin with an automotive theme or simply wear an automotive costume.”¹⁴

14. Jim Thorpe WinterFest- The Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor promoted a Jim Thorpe Winterfest in February, featuring “ice carving demonstrations, wood carving, a magic show and the famous Jim Thorpe Mug Walk.”¹⁵

15. Day-long hammer-in- The Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area in Pennsylvania will host a Hammer-in, auction, and get-together featuring traditional blacksmith demonstrations. The event will feature the Pittsburgh Area Artist Blacksmith Association's "Fearsome Foursome.”¹⁶

16. Canoe-a-thon & Riverfest- On June 1st, the Lackawanna Heritage Valley National Heritage Area will sponsor a “Canoe-a-Thon” where part pants can float down the Lackawanna River to Scranton. This will be followed by a Riverfest along the Scranton Riverwalk trail featuring local vendors and entertainment.¹⁷



17. Hot Tunes at the Winery- Every other Friday the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor promotes Hot Tunes at the Winery at Crossing Vineyards & Winery. The advertisement states: “Forget curling up by the fireplace. Fire Up those freezing Friday evenings with the hottest acts in town, from Standards to Jazz to Country. Wine and cheese available for purchase.”¹⁸

18. Tennessee Civil War 150 APP- The Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area created an iPhone app showing the effects of the Civil War throughout the state. The app features people, places, and artifacts that tell the story of the Civil War in Tennessee.¹⁹

19. A Battle for Food: Civil War Era Southern Recipe Books- The Atchafalaya National Heritage Area hosted a “Battle for Food: Civil War Era Southern Recipe Books” on March 12, 2013. This cooking program engaged “participants in open hearth cooking using the food stuffs and recipes from the Civil War era that reflect the changes and shortages between 1861 and 1865.”²⁰



20. Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop- The Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area will be hosting a Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop on March 16th, 2013. Participants can learn about the “beautiful art of the Ukrainian Pysanka/Easter Egg.”²¹

¹⁴ <http://www.motorcities.org/Our+Activites++Programs/Halloween+Contest+-100.html>

¹⁵ <http://www.delawareandlehigh.org/index.php/events/event/2013-02-17/1646/>

¹⁶ <http://www.riversofsteel.com/things-to-do/event/hammer-in/>

¹⁷ <http://lhva.org/riverfest.html>

¹⁸ <http://www.delawareandlehigh.org/index.php/events/event/2013-02-08/1628/>

¹⁹ http://www.sitemason.com/site/fNr8nm/Who_We_Are

²⁰ http://www.atchafalaya.org/events.php?action=submit&events_id=86

²¹ <http://www.riversofsteel.com/things-to-do/event/ukrainian-easter-egg-workshop/>